

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a process, which includes:
coating at least a portion of a surface of at least one silica particle with at least one
wax, wherein the coating is carried out in at least one gas at a temperature above the melting
5 point of the wax and below the decomposition temperature of the wax, to obtain at least one
wax-coated silica particle. Other embodiments of the present invention provides processes
for impregnating the silica particle with wax and uses of the wax-coated or wax-impregnated
particles.

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